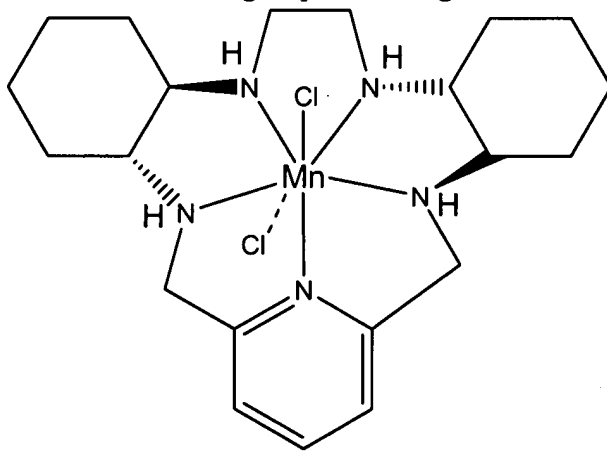


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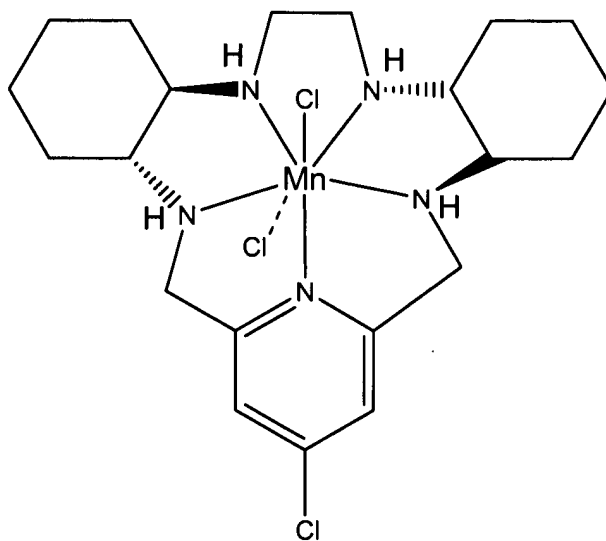
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**Claims 1-12.** (Cancelled),

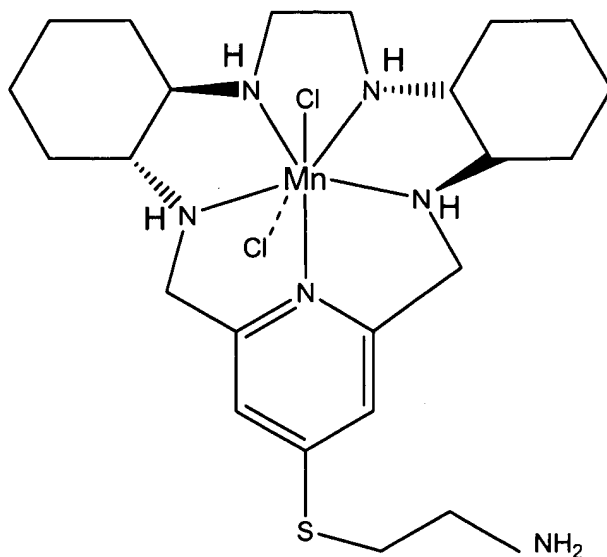
13. (Currently Amended) ~~The modified biopolymer of claim 2A~~ a modified biopolymer comprising a biopolymer chosen from the group consisting of chitin, chitosan, cellulose, methyl cellulose, hyaluronic acid, keratin, fibroin, collagen, elastin, and saccharide polymers attached to at least one non-proteinaceous catalyst capable of dismutating superoxide in the biological system or precursor ligand thereof, wherein the non-proteinaceous catalyst capable of dismutating superoxide is chosen from the group consisting of:



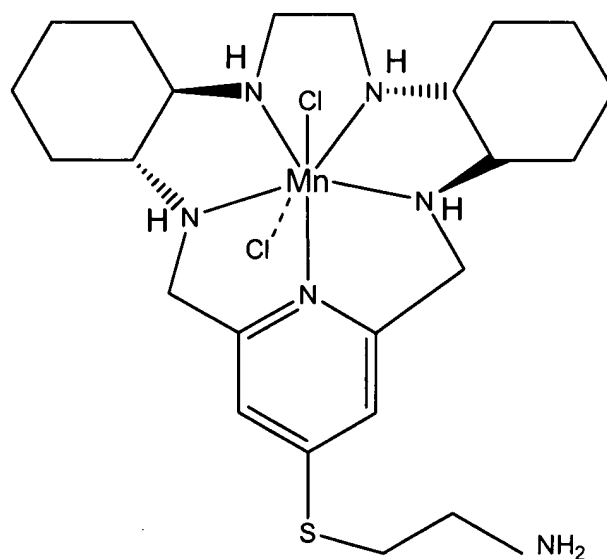
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14. (Currently Amended). Modified hyaluronic acid prepared by reaction of hyaluronichyalauronic acid with a non-proteinaceous catalyst capable of dismutating superoxide having the structure:

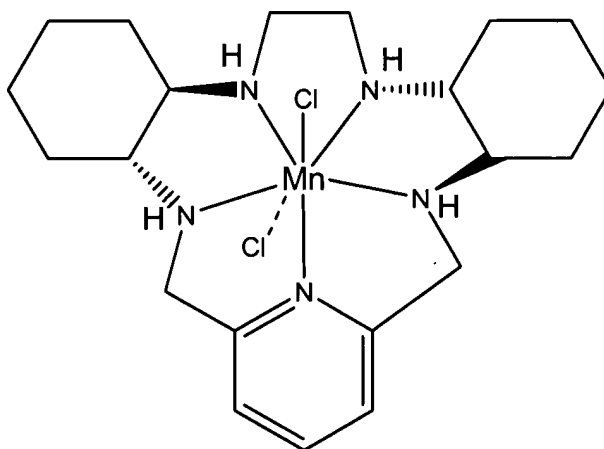


or a precursor ligand thereof under conditions appropriate to covalently attach the non-proteinaceous catalyst capable of dismutating superoxide to the hyaluronic acid.

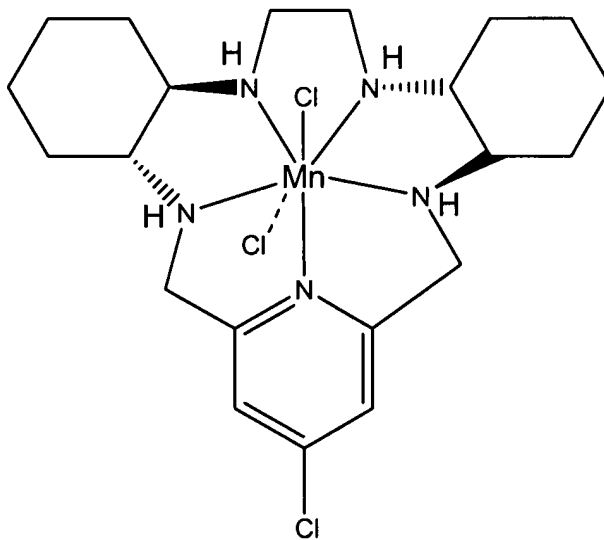
**Claims 15-23.** (Cancelled)

24. (New). The modified biopolymer of claim 13, wherein the biopolymer is hyaluronic acid.

25. (New). A modified biopolymer comprising hyaluronic acid attached to at least one catalyst having the structure:



26. (New). A modified biopolymer comprising hyaluronic acid attached to at least one catalyst having the structure:



27. (New). A modified biopolymer comprising hyaluronic acid attached to at least one catalyst having the structure:

